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## DONN CHASE IS OUR NEW PRESIDENT

### BOARD MEETING

Those attending the board meeting Nov. 3 at the home of Lorena Reid were Donn Chase, Ray Cavagnaro, Margaret Markley, Gene Renard, Art Johnson, Tom Taylor, B. Medill and Lorena Reid.

Most of the meeting was taken up in a discussion and the settlement of problems connected with the building. The concrete work is done and Bailey Castello has done some electrical work and Donn Chase has done some plumbing. Our contractor and builder, V. A. Harding, was there and presented a bill for work done \$2222.10, which was ordered paid. Other bills presented and ordered paid were B. Medill, postage \$6.00; Taxes, \$39.44, net. Liability insurance, \$42.31. Mike McCloskey, expenses as delegate to the Wilderness convention at Hood Canal, \$21.15. Safety box rent, U. S. National, \$5.50. Mishlers, printing, \$14.73. Tom Taylor, building, \$99.00. It took a long time and lots of discussion to fill the various jobs but the following is the result, tentatively that is;

Vice President, Lorena Reid.

Sec. Treasurer, Ray Cavagnaro.

Chairmen:

Trips: Margaret Markley.

Climbing: Ray Harris.

Outing: Gene Sebring.

Search and Rescue: Lorena and Alan Reid.

Entertainment: Dorothy Towlerlerton.

Library: Art Johnson.

Membership: Kay Fahy.

Auditing: Bob Lemon.

Publication:

Building: Gene Renard.

Any changes made between now and next meeting will be in next bulletin, as will be positions not filled now.

The new constitution will be presented to the lodge at a meeting in January for discussion and voting on. Announcement will be made in the December issue.

Trip reports turned in by Gene Renard covering Fuji, Carpenter, Rebel, Pisgah, Beamers Ranch, McFarland, Erma Belle and Benson and Tenas Lakes, Scott Mt., Logger Butte with a total of 107 hikers.

Next board meeting will be at the home of Ray Cavagnaro, Dec. 1st.

Dean Rea has this to say about our new club house under the heading, "Business Beat", in the Register-Guard Oct. 31 and is reprinted here for those of you who missed it.

A long-time dream of the Obsidian Club, an outdoor organization, will soon materialize in a club house on a ridge in east Eugene.

Obsidians recently let a contract to build a two-level structure on a six acre site near the Laurelwood golf course. Total investment in the project may exceed \$20,000, an official said.

The clubhouse will include two meeting rooms, a kitchen and storage space and is expected to be completed early next year.

The Obsidians, who once had a clubhouse in the Belknap Springs area, have planned for a Eugene building for some 15 years.

The proposed home for some 200 members was made possible primarily when the club realized a sizeable profit in the sale of property it had held in Eugene for a number of years, a club spokesman said.

The help of each and every one of us is necessary all the time but particularly at this time of the year when new committees are being formed and plans for the coming year are being made. C.K. Stalsberg wrote in the bulletin several years ago when he was President the following and what he said is just as true today as it was then, "The future of the Obsidians depends upon the ambition and co-operation of each of its members. A small group can not carry on the work of a large organization without serious setbacks and discouragements. Too often members say, "Let Dorr do it"; "Let Ray lead it"; "Let Bailey fix it"; etc. Every member must do his or her share. Even if you are not a board-member, a committee chairman, or a committee member, there are many things you can do and many responsibilities that you have." So don't hesitate to serve on a committee if asked and if not then offer suggestions. Criticize if you must but follow up with constructive suggestions.

How about some good pastime? If your dues are pastime you are.

## ANNUAL MEETING

Approximately sixty six persons attended the Obsidians Annual meeting Friday October 14th, at the Water board building. After voting for three Board members, all lined up to a very fine pot luck dinner. President Tom Taylor called the meeting to order at about 8 o'clock, all Board members present except the Secretary, Gerry Fehly.

Each gave their annual report as well as the heads of committees. Gene Renard reporting for the Building Committee was of interest as the Club house was just getting under way of being built. Anna Jeppesen reported for the Entertainment committee, telling of each months activities. Mike McCloskey made a short and very interesting Conservation report and also a concise report of the F.W.O.C. convention, where he was a delegate, nothing that many of the Obsidians Conservation resolutions were passed.

The three board members elected are: Margaret Markley, Bob Medill and Art Johnson.

Tom Taylor thanked the board members and also all who worked on committees, who were the ones that made this another successful year. Tom noted that the meeting was over in just 58 minutes. At the short meeting of directors afterward, Donn Chase was elected president for the coming year.

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By now I presume most people have read the article- GOOD-BY TO OUR PUBLIC PARKS but Eugene was left off the long list of cities who have lost their parks to wide strips of pavement - we are losing a "strip" off Amazon Park by the express way entering from the south - only time will tell if our newly one-way streets will protect the east-side-of-Eugene. San Francisco was "big enough" when 1013 acres Golden Gate Park was threatened with a "freeway thru the heart" of it "they asked if the city was to remain desirable or become a city dump", and with indignation meetings all over the city - a plan was found for the freeway "tunnels beneath the park."

## TRAILINGS

Blanche Bailey has been elected to the new Council of the Chemeketans for the coming year. Merle served on their council for the past year.

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The Obsidian Chiefs make much wam'pum come November 12 - 13.

## SCOTTS VALLEY

Fifteen were on the Obsidians trip into the beautiful fall colored Scotts Valley October 23rd to view the "petroglyphic rock", an isolated boulder of Tyee sandstone approximately 3 miles east of Yoncalla amidst a small grove of oaks, and 300 yards north of highway.

Authorization is by SCREENINGS, the Oregon Archaeological Society in their Oct. 10, 1960 issue, they have a fine picture of this Yoncalla Glyph rock showing plainly the Indian carvings.

"The intricate markings" according to localities, depicts the power of good over evil. "It seems that evil spirits from the East had challenged the Yoncalla Chief to combat." "After communicating with the guardian spirits for five days and five nights, and with the Headman in the Sky, the Chief met the evil ones and turned them first into coyotes, and then into stones."

A light rain was falling, so the Obsidians took few pictures and after leaving the boulder, toured the rest of the Scotts Valley going thru London and back by Dorena Dam. Four "rockhounds" were on the trip - well - were we not going to find a rock? Those on the trip-- Mike Stahl, leader, Dorothy, Donnie, & Peggy Stahl, Paul & Helen Weiser, Henry Jeppesen, Ken Lodewick, Margaret Markley, Frances Newsom, Glen Harnden, Ray Wiseman, Mrs. Smith, Mr. Rogers and Ray Sims.

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## MEMORIAL TO DORR HAMLIN

Fortunate indeed are those of us who knew Dorr. His inimitable wit, his untiring efforts toward making one's membership in the Obsidians more enjoyable and his dependability have not been exceeded by anyone. For a number of years he was caretaker of our lodge up at Camp Belknap and many is the time that he has gone up there and worked all day. When Dorr passed on Obsidians were asked to donate, in lieu of flowers, to a fireplace fund for when we should build our new clubhouse. Myrtie says that if her memory serves her right something like 200 contributions came in for this purpose attesting to Dorr's popularity. Dorr, over the years was a tireless worker towards the club house that he knew someday would be built and part of our ability to build at all goes to Dorr Hamlin's efforts.

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 \* Do you have a pet recipe? Someone\*  
 \* else might like to have it. Maybe some\*  
 \* one has one that you would like. Well\*  
 \* we are going to find out. If you-all\*  
 \* would like to see a recipe a month\*  
 \* in here send it in. Here is a lulu.\*  
 \* It is a pecan pie. Now I know that\*  
 \* there is no substitute for the good\*  
 \* old standbys, but sometimes one likes\*  
 \* a change. I have eaten pecan pies that\*  
 \* I wish I had never seen but this one\*  
 \* is real good. \*  
 \*  $\frac{1}{2}$  cup sugar, 1 cup dark corn syrup,\*  
 \* Bring to boil; beat up 3 eggs just \*  
 \* till well mixed; take syrup off stove\*  
 \* and let stand till cooled down enough\*  
 \* so eggs won't cook, then add eggs to\*  
 \* syrup being sure to add eggs very,\*  
 \* very slowly and beating all the time\*  
 \* add 4 tblesp. butter, 1 tblesp. vanilla\*  
 \* 1 cup chopped pecans. Preheat oven to\*  
 \* 450. Bake at this temp. for 10 min. \*  
 \* set temp. control at 300 leave oven\*  
 \* door open for a min. or two to let\*  
 \* oven cool down fast, then bake at that\*  
 \* temp. for 35 minutes. \*  
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#### THE GOOD OLD DAYS

All night New Years Eve parties with a turkey dinner on New Years day. Valentine day parties. Halloween parties. Card Parties. Dances. How often have we heard, "oh, for the good old days!" Well, now that we are getting our clubhouse built, (Yes, its actually under construction) we can have those good old days again. And if we are going to have returns out of the new place we must use it.

It was New Years, 1940, that the Obsidians voted to lease the officers headquarters at Belknap CCC camp above the McKenzie bridge. That summer saw a lot of activity there tearing out and fixing up and adding to. This was done under the direction of Dorr Hamlin. Leo Paschelke of Marcola came with his truck and it was used to move stuff from the old place. That was 20 years ago and a lot of wonderful times were held there. But the pack-rats acquired members to their organization faster than the Obsidians did and they were there all the time until they finally took over.

Now is the time. What time? Dues time.

The trip up Carpenter was made by Modena Brown, Bob Medill, Margaret Wiese, Dorothy Towlerton, Catherine Dunlop, Allen Heinrich, Emma Wright, Frances Newsom, Bob Lyon, Don Lyon, Judith Harrison, Mary Douglas Stovall, Ted Johannis, Mary Jo Johannis, Margaret Markley, Leader. Went a new way which shortened the trip and lots less climbing. Drove up the McKenzie and up the Clear Lake road 5 miles, then up Deer Creek road for eight miles. This took us past the Wolf Rock. Wolf Rock is quite spectacular from close up. Plowed thru snow the last 1000 feet and party was in a regular snowstorm all day.

Fuji Mt. trip was different than advertised in that a lot of dew had fallen and this somewhat swelled the trail until the distance was expanded to almost double what it is in the dry season. But it was a beautiful day and one of the top lookout spots to go to. The leader was Thelma Watson and tail-gunner was Bob Medill. The last half mile the leader was back at the rear end looking for the rear guard, who was a way, way back. Those on the trip were Kay Fahy, Clarence Landes, Don Hunter, Wayne Hunter, Gary Hunter, Dorothy Towlerton, Mary Holland, Don Lyon, Bob Fluke, Ted Johannis, Mary Jo Johannis, Helen Smith, Frances Newsom, Bob Hasek, Allen Heinrich, Mary Douglas Stovall, Barbara Hasek.

The most beautiful trip of all was up Rebel rock. Everything all covered with a new snow and the sky nice and clear. Only five made the trip. Helen Hughes, Ldr. Bob Medill, Clarence Landes, Charla Eubank, Harrick Hudson.

Kay Fahy is hard up for money again and is crying for money. If your dues are due pay her and keep in good standing.

Helen Kilpatrick is improving in Sacred Heart Hospital after being taken ill Friday evening. Helen took charge of distributing the J. H. Pruett Maltese Halloween stickers.

#### NOVEMBER PRINCESS MEETING

will be on Monday, November 21, at 8 P.M. at the home of Helen Weiser, with Florence Sims as assistant Hostess. No meeting was held in October.

## WORK TRIP AT LODGE

Saturday November 5th was the first trip to the building site of the Obsidian lodge with sixteen working at different times.

In the morning Gene Renard, Bob Medill, Mike Stahl, Tom Taylor and Gary and Wayne Hunter (sons of Mr. & Mrs. Don Hunter) brushed out the water line.

In the afternoon more came, with one project of water proofing the outside of the west cement wall. This was accomplished by smearing a black gooey substance on with a brush. A saving of \$45. by the Obsidians doing the work was done by Mike Stahl, Ray Cavagnaro, Margaret Markley, Gary Hunter, Wayne Hunter and Ray Sims.

Others in the afternoon were Dorothy Towlerton, Gene Renard, Donny Stahl, Art Johnson, Lloyd Plaisted, Bob Medill, Ken Lodewick, and Don Hunter.

Work is progressing satisfactorily with the west wall and the footings nearly finished. The road into the lot has been graveled again and part of the parking lot. The best route is to go east to Columbia, south to Spring, follow Spring to 29th, turn left a hundred feet then right three hundred feet and you are there.

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Phil Brogan of Bend has this to say about: well, read. "A sheep-herder in an isolated land overlooking three states has been credited with the discovery of one of Oregon's most-noted precious Opal localities. That locality is along the rocky rims of the Hart Mountain ram-parts northeast of Plush in Lake County. Hart Mountain opals present a challenge to collectors who would seek them in the isolated range land, or to the prospector who would attempt to mine them from the

weathered slabs of old lavas near the western rim of the towering Warner rim. There are two possible approaches to the opal beds. One is the tortuous Anderson canyon, up the steep western face of the 4000 foot scarp. The other is up the eastern slope of the massive fault block structure, past a locality well known to members of the Order of Antelope----the farfamed "Blue Sky Hotel". This spot marks the head of motor travel. Ahead is a steep climb thru thick brush to a mesa. At the western edge of the mesa are the opals. They are not abundant but, collectors agree, they are intriguing, primarily because of the formation in which they occur. One opal valued at \$400 dollars was found."

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Nov. 12, Sat. Saddle Blanket Mt. This is up Fall Creek and is a short trip. Only about a mile and a quarter one way.

Nov. 20, Sun. South Waldo. This is always an interesting route, and, altho it is about 7 miles one way it is level going all the way.

Nov. 27, Sun. Gold Point. This one is also up Fall Creek, but is a real nice and easy trip and it has been a number of years since we have been up there.

Dec. 4, Sun. Leo Paschelke will take us up to his Barite mines up the hill on the north side of Lookout reservoir. Barite is usually a more or less opaque crystal. Leo also will take us into a cave up there and we should all take flashlights.

Dec. 11, Sun. Christmas tree trip up in Rosboro's holdings with Dave Burwell leading. Dave says there is a right-of-way to be cleaned out and there will be lots of trees to be had.

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